

Senate Bill No. 99

CHAPTER 1170

An act to amend Sections 1189.101, 1189.109, 1797.98e, 24165.3, 24165.5, and 24169.8 of, and to add Section 24168.05 to, the Health and Safety Code, to amend Sections 14148.5, 14148.95, 14148.96, 16901, 16905, 16915, 16916, 16917, 16918, 16934, 16934.5, 16936, 16938, 16941.1, 16942, 16943, 16945, 16946, 16952, 16953, 16954, 16970, 16980, 16981, 16990, and 16995.2 of, to amend and renumber Sections 14148.97 and 14149.7 of, to add Section 14148.98 to, and to repeal Section 16953.5 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, and to amend Sections 27, 28, 29, and 41 of, and to repeal Sections 34 and 36 of, Chapter 278 of the Statutes of 1991, relating to public social services, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 99, Watson. Health care.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement state and local tobacco education programs until July 1, 1991.

This bill would extend those requirements until July 1, 1994.

Chapter 278 of the Statutes of 1991 established specifications for the allocation of appropriated funds for the purpose of making grants for tobacco use prevention projects.

This bill would revise the reference to the appropriations to which the fund allocation specifications would apply.

Existing law allocates moneys from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund to counties for the provision of health services, pursuant to specified conditions, including a county maintenance of effort.

This bill would provide for recoupment procedures for failure to comply with maintenance of effort requirements and would revise the level of county funding required for maintenance of effort.

Existing law requires counties to report specified data to the State Department of Health Services on their indigent health care programs according to certain criteria.

This bill would revise the criteria for the reporting of data to the department.

Existing law provides for the reimbursement of certain county emergency medical services, as defined, from the county emergency services fund, according to specified criteria.

This bill would revise the definition of emergency services and would revise the criteria for reimbursement for those services.

Existing law established the Expanded Access to Primary Care Program, operative until July 1, 1994, under which the State Department of Health Services reimburses the costs incurred by selected health clinics in providing medical services to persons who meet specified eligibility standards.

This bill would revise eligibility standards for reimbursement under that program.

Existing law establishes the California Health Care for Indigents (CHIP) program for the allocation of state funds to local agencies for the provision of health care.

This bill would revise eligibility standards for reimbursement under that program, and would revise procedures for the allocation and payment of money to the local agencies.

The bill would also define uncompensated care costs for purposes of computing reimbursement of hospitals.

Chapter 278 of the Statutes of 1991 appropriated funds from various accounts in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for the 1991-92, 1992-93, and 1993-94 fiscal years for allocation to state and local agencies for the purposes of providing health care.

This bill would specify that certain funds appropriated from the Health Education Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for those fiscal years may be expended and allocated during the period the Tobacco Use Prevention Program is operative. By revising the period during which appropriated funds may be used, this bill would result in an appropriation.

This bill would appropriate \$4,950,000 from the Hospital Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund to the Controller for allocation to counties participating in the CHIP program for the 1991-92 to 1993-94 fiscal years, inclusive.

This bill would incorporate changes made to Section 1797.98e of the Health and Safety Code by SB 946, contingent upon that bill being enacted first.

The bill would also make technical changes.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.